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WARRANT?

Classified By: Acting Political Counselor Greg D'Elia, 1.4 (b/d).

- 11. (C) Romain Serman, AF-advisor at the French Presidency, asked us on June 5 how the USG would react if Sudan President Bashir tried to attend the UNGA in New York later this year. Serman wondered whether the U.S. would be compelled to take action, i.e. arrest Bashir pursuant to the ICC warrant and (2005) UNSCR 1593, or if the USG, not being a party to the Rome Statute, would accede to Bashir's entry. Serman added he had no information to indicate Bashir currently planned to attend the UNGA. He commented that if Bashir turned up in a French jurisdiction, the Sudanese President would "automatically" be apprehended pursuant to the ICC warrant.
- $\P 2$ . (U) Post would appreciate guidance on a response to the French Presidency.

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